

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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M. ALIZON et al.) Prior Application Group Art Unit: 1648
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Application No.: Not yet assigned) Prior Application Examiner: Parkin, J.
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Filed: November 15, 2001)
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For: CLONED DNA SEQUENCES)
RELATED TO THE ENTIRE)
GENOMIC RNA OF HUMAN)
IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS II)
(HIV-2), POLYPEPTIDES)
ENCODED BY THESE DNA)
SEQUENCES AND USE OF THESE)
DNA CLONES AND)
POLYPEPTIDES IN DIAGNOSTIC)
KITS)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the this application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 1-43.

Please add claims 44-46 as follows:

--44. (New) A method for producing a polypeptide of HIV-2 having the amino acid sequence, which is encoded by at least a portion of a *pol* gene as set forth in